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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Bangkok Bureau -- October 1985

I. GENERAL

A. As the spectre of lost jobs and factory shutdowns in the Thai textile industry begins to take on a more concrete appearance due to U.S textile embargoes and textile import restriction legislation now before the U.S. Congress, demonstrations against the American Embassy are becoming larger and more frequent. On 11 October, several hundred demonstrators spent several hours in front of the Embassy. Then on the 25th, a much larger demonstration took place which involved delivering a protest letter to an Embassy officer. The media claimed 4,000 demonstrators appeared (out of the 8,000 predicted), although from the bureau's excellent vantage point from 14 floors up it looked more like 2,000-3,000 turned out. In the traditional Thai fashion the demonstrations were peaceful and the demonstrators well behaved.

B. From 13-16 October, the ruling Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Party held its fifth congress in Phnom Penh. The previous congress was held 4½ years ago. Despite rumors of a pending reorganization at the top, there were few changes and Heng Samrin remains in place. The Cambodian media did not advertise the congress and it was only through a foreign media source that Cambodia watchers were informed the congress might convene on the 13th.

C. ROSET progress reached its most dramatic period during the month, as far as outward appearances are concerned. The Universal Antennas, Inc. contractors put together the dishes for both antennas and mounted them on the concrete bases. Work is proceeding toward a final alignment of the antennas to ready them for the installation of the electronics.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Realignment of work schedules and the use of overtime by the four-monitor Cambodian team were required to provide expeditious filing of the Fifth Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Party Congress materials. At AG's request the bureau also texted the speeches of all provincial party delegates carried by the media. In addition to normal media reporting, the Cambodian press agency SPK introduced a new cast for the congress period which provided up to five hours of additional materials daily.

2. On the 24th, a new clandestine Cambodian station was first picked up by the bureau's cruising monitor. The station identified itself as a "non-communist nationalist Cambodian radio" aligned with Norodom Sihanouk. As of month's end it appeared the radio was still in a test mode -- broadcasting popular songs along with brief announcements and appeals. So far no commentaries or newscasts have been carried by this new radio.

3. In response to AG interest, the bureau began filing program summaries of the 2300 GMT Hanoi domestic service newscast daily. Copies go to AG and Okinawa Bureau.

B. Communications

The bureau's primary circuit has generally been acceptable since the rehome through Clark Air Force Base last month. On a number of occasions, however, there were abnormally high numbers of refile requests. The bureau continues to monitor circuit performance closely.

C. Lateral Services

1. The bureau processed five items during the month at the request of the American Embassy in Vientiane, Laos.

2. Bureau Thai/Chinese monitor [] translated two lengthy letters from the Chinese at the request of an officer of the Joint Casualty Resolution Center. The letters dealt with facets of the MIA search effort carried on by this organization.

3. In response to a Bangkok Embassy request, the bureau instituted a service to provide immediate precedence items on coups and military clashes in Thailand and the countries of Indochina to a separate Embassy router. Liaison and Requirements Branch formalized this new request as one of its ASP-Alert packages.

D. Technical

The bureau received the following non-expendable equipment during the month:

1 ea 4-standard JVC Video Monitor, serial number 15800082

3 ea RCA 5-inch black and white video monitors, serial numbers 94101871, 94101897, 94101903

15 ea Extel model Ah-11RV printers, serial numbers 287084, 287087, 287089, 287090, 287103, 287111, 287112, 287115, 287118, 287120, 287122, 287123, 287126, 287128, and 287129.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Malay monitor [] was promoted to FBN-8/3.

2. The bureau chief and deputy chief interviewed 10 of the most promising applicants for the new contract receptionist position. A candidate was chosen on the 30th and will be offered the position in early November.

B. Building and Grounds

Building improvements and the reconfiguration of the operational area at Bang Ping to prepare for the installation of the ROSET system are 85-90 percent complete. A new storage area has been built and put into service below the Bang Ping operational area and air conditioning and dehumidification installed.

In the operations area only one more rack needs to be relocated.

IV. VISITS

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Senior Editor spent one day TDY at Headquarters during his R&R leave in the U.S.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

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Monthly Production Report

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	731,420
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	266,060
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,364

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	19,650 min.	20,420 min.	254.00 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	14,430		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			0
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	0		
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	3,500		
* dhaka overseas service in bengali	110		
* dhaka overseas service in english	430		
Dhaka BSS in English		320	
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali			640
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			70

BRUNEI

Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English			0
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BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	3,880		
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	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>BURMA (continued)</u>			
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese			190
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			70

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	64,880		
Phnom Penh SPK in English		39,170	
Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane		0	
Phnom Penh SPK in French		26,710	
Phnom Penh VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0	

CHINA

Beijing International Service in Bengali	0		
Beijing International Service in Burmese	380		
Beijing International Service in Indonesian	0		
Beijing International Service in Lao	0		
Beijing International Service in Thai	0		
Beijing in Cambodian to Cambodia	9,640		
Beijing in Hindi to India	0		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0		

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Vietnam Resistance Radio in Vietnamese	0		
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	35,740		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	2,530		
(Clandestine) Voice of The National Army Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	10,790		

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CLANDESTINE (continued)

(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Burma in
Burmese 0
(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Malaysia in
Malay 3,140

INDIA

Delhi Domestic Service in English	34,720	
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	6,410	
* delhi domestic service in hindi	190	
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		2,320
* Delhi PTI in English		460
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English		1,070
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali		0
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English		890
Delhi INDIA TODAY in English		0
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English		2,090
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English		1,870
Delhi PATRIOT in English		1,470
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English		1,070
Madras THE HINDU in English		540

INDONESIA

Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	6,300	
Jakarta International Service in English	2,350	
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian		1,930
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English		3,730
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian		1,260
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian		1,590
Jakarta SINAR HARAPAN in Indonesian		5,760

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INDONESIA (continued)

Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian		0
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English		6,950

LAOS

Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	54,320	
Vientiane KPL in English		19,810
Vientiane KPL in English/French to SPK Phnom Penh		0
Vientiane SPK in French to SPK Phnom Penh		0
Vientiane VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0
Vientiane PASASON in Lao		0

MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	4,690	
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	1,580	
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	9,330	
Kuala Lumpur BERITA HARIAN in Malay		590
Kuala Lumpur BERITA MINGGU in Malay		1,170
Kuala Lumpur MINGGUAN MALAYSIA in Malay		740
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English		8,350
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English		980
Kuala Lumpur UTUSAN MALAYSIA in Malay		1,520

NEPAL

Katmandu External Service in English	70	
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English		210

PAKISTAN

Karachi Domestic Service in English	7,750	
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<u>PAKISTAN (continued)</u>			
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	23,180		
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	750		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	960		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			750
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo Domestic Service in English	2,850		
Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil	0		
Colombo International Service in English	2,710		
Colombo International Service in Hindi	0		
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			0
Colombo SUN in English			0
Colombo WEEKEND in English			440
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	1,040		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	8,350		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	1,570		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Lao	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	1,910		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Vietnamese	1,440		
* bangkok army television service in thai	70		
* bangkok domestic television service in thai	190		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			32,290

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THAILAND (continued)

Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English		7,260
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai		1,830
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai		0
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai		1,910
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai		0
Bangkok NAED NA in Thai		1,500
Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai		3,160
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai		2,290
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai		0
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai		9,800
Bangkok THE NATION in English		62,930
Bangkok WIWAT in Thai		0
* bangkok chat athippatai in thai		1,540

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow International Service in Tamil	0
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian	0
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	370
Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea	610
Moscow in Hindi to India	0
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	770
Moscow in Lao to Laos	2,490
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	0
Moscow in Urdu to India	0
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	0

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UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	1,820	
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VIETNAM

Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	79,040	
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0	
Hanoi International Service in English	11,520	
Hanoi International Service in Thai	0	
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese to NHAN DAN Ho Chi Minh City		0
Hanoi VNA in English	5,850	
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese		38,540
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese		8,990
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese		0

(Note: Irregular Coverage during month is marked with an asterisk)